

## REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### *Claim Amendments*

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1 and 5 be entered.

### *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(b)*

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ruger et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,741,996 (hereafter Ruger), is respectfully requested. Independent claim 1, as amended, recites the front flange having portions that protrude laterally outward from the camblock. Ruger does not describe a front flange as recited in claim 1. Ruger does not show or suggest a front flange having portions that protrude laterally outward from the camblock in which the front flange is positioned proximate a rear portion of the guide rode and proximate a forward portion of the camblock. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is allowable over Ruger. Claims 2, 7, and 8 which depend from allowable independent claim 1 are thus, also allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection to these claims is respectfully requested.

Further, regarding claim 7, Ruger does not show or suggest a reinforcement wall as claimed. Ruger does not teach or suggest a reinforcement wall positioned between a front flange and a camming projection, as recited in claim 7. Additionally, regarding claim 8, Ruger does not teach or suggest a chamber reinforcement wall positioned between and interconnecting a front projection and a rear projection of the chamber block, as claimed in claim 8. The Office Action did not identify in Ruger any reinforcement wall as recited in claim 7 or any chamber

reinforcement wall as recited in claim 8. Thus, notwithstanding the remarks with regard to independent claim 1, dependent claims 7 and 8 are allowable over Ruger.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cominolli, U.S. Patent No. 5,465,645 (hereafter Cominolli), is respectfully requested. Independent claim 1, as amended, recites the camblock engages and stops movement of the rear chamber block during recoil. Cominolli does not show or suggest a camblock and certainly does not suggest a camblock secured to the guide rod in which the camblock engages and stops movement of a rear chamber block during recoil. Instead, the Cominolli reference shows a washer-flange buffer arrangement for the slide and spring. Cominolli does not discuss a camblock assembly, camblock or rear chamber block, nor is there a suggestion of a camblock that engages and stops movement of a rear chamber block during recoil. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is allowable over Cominolli. Claims 2-4, which depend from allowable independent claim 1, are thus, also allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection to these claims is respectfully requested.

Additionally, regarding claim 3, Cominolli does not show or suggest a rail member. Contrary to the position stated in the Office Action, the abutment surface 36 in Cominolli is not a rail member but rather acts as an abutment backing for washer 30. Cominolli does not show a top surface of a lateral extension portion of a front flange being fitted for engagement with a bottom rail surface for a rail member. Thus, notwithstanding the remarks set forth for independent claim 1, claim 3 is allowable over Cominolli.

#### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Regarding the objection to claims 5 and 6, the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent

form including language from the base claim and any intervening claims. It is respectfully submitted that claim 5 is in condition for allowance, and claim 6 which depends from allowable independent claim 5 is also in condition for allowance.

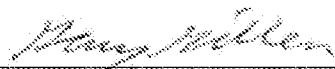
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*Conclusion*

In view of the aforesaid, reconsideration and allowance of all claims at issue are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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